

**"THREE PEOPLE INJURED IN SHOOTING  
AT NEW YORK CITY'S TIMES SQUARE"**

— Guardian<sup>1</sup>

**"Police officer among  
four dead in shooting  
at New York City  
office building"**

— BBC<sup>2</sup>

**"DEA Reports Widespread Threat of  
Fentanyl Mixed with Xylazine"**

— DEA.gov<sup>3</sup>

**"WOKE NYC JUDGES ARE CUTTING  
'DANGEROUS' PERPS LOOSE AT AN  
ALARMING RATE"**

— New York Post<sup>4</sup>

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# Joe DeStefano

*Fighting Back to Keep New Yorkers Safe*

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As a former law enforcement officer and volunteer firefighter, Joe DeStefano knows what it takes to protect our communities. In Albany, he's fighting to put criminals behind bars, strengthen protections for victims, and make Suffolk County safer for everyone.



**PROTECTING OUR NEIGHBORS. SUPPORTING OUR  
COMMUNITY. BUILDING A SAFER TOMORROW.**



## **JUSTICE, ACCOUNTABILITY AND SAFETY**

With 30+ years in law enforcement and the Medford Fire Department, Joe knows what it takes to respond during a crisis. That experience drives his fight for tougher laws and stronger protections.



## **ATTACKS ON POLICE & FIREFIGHTERS CAN'T BE TOLERATED**

Joe is fighting to: make sure that assaults on law enforcement, firefighters, and EMS are classified as hate crimes (A.5224), increase penalties for menacing officers (A.5146), and ensure volunteer responders stay ready. He's also working to allow retired state troopers to serve locally without losing pensions (A.6447).



## **STOP PROTECTING CRIMINALS: START PROTECTING FAMILIES**

Joe is pushing for lifetime orders of protection (A.5222), the extension of the statute of limitations for child sex crimes (A.5236), and working to close loopholes that lets homeless sex offenders dodge the Sex Offender Registry reporting requirements (A.5209).



## **GET DEADLY DRUGS OFF OUR STREETS**

He's also working to crack down on xylazine ("tranq") to stop the spread of deadly drugs (A.8130 of 2024). From DNA collection for felony arrests (A.5198) to restoring judges' bail authority (A.5212), Joe is working to give law enforcement tools to keep felons off our streets.

1. <https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/aug/09/three-people-injured-in-shooting-at-new-york-citys-times-square>
2. <https://www.bbc.com/news/articles/cn023751713o>
3. <https://www.dea.gov/alert/dea-reports-widespread-threat-fentanyl-mixed-xylazine>
4. <https://nypost.com/2025/03/08/us-news/woke-nyc-judges-refuse-to-set-bail-or-pretrial-detention-for-dangerous-perps/>

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